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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. F. A. Weil has resigned at Denver, Col., to accept a call to Quincy, Mass.

Rev. B. R. Bulkeley has resigned at Leominster, Mass., and Rev. B. A. Goodridge has resigned at Santa Barbara, Calif.

Rev. Cornelius Heyn was installed minister at Exeter, N.H., on October 8. The sermon was preached by Dr. Southworth.

Rev. J. H. Metcalf was installed at the First Parish in Portland, Me., on October 24, Dr. Eliot preaching the sermon.

Rev. V. G. Hartman was installed at Hackensack, N.J., on October 10, and Rev. F. J. Gauld at Unity Church, Brooklyn, on October 31.

Buildings

Plans have been formulated for a new church building in Walpole, N.H., to take the place of the old meeting-house which collapsed last winter under the heavy fall of snow.

Extensive repairs and restorations have been accomplished during the summer in the meeting-house of the First Church in Roxbury, Mass., and in the church buildings at Wheeling, W. Va., and Denver, Col.

A new organ has been given to the church in Sanford, Me., the gift of a loyal parishioner.

The Society in Eastport, Me., celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its organization on October 26th. One of the features of the celebration was the dedication of two memorial windows.

The new chapel at San Antonio, Texas, was dedicated on Sunday, October 3. Rev. Edward Day preached the sermon and an address was made by Mr. W. L. Barnard, Secretary of the Laymen's League.

Journeys

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, has met preaching and speaking appointments during the last month at Orange, N.J., Durham, N.H., Portland and Eastport, Me., and Ithaca, N.Y. He has attended the meeting of the Board of Directors and of the Trustees of the Hackley School in New York, the Board of Indian Commissioners at Mohonk Lake, N.Y., and presided and had general charge of the meetings of the International Congress of Free Christians in Boston October 3 to 7.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, has

given most of his time during the past month to the work of the Campaign Committee and in behalf of that cause has visited the churches in Cleveland, Youngstown and Toledo, O., and Detroit, Mich.

The Secretary of the Department of New Americans, Mr. Forbes, is now in the Northwest on his annual visit to the churches among the Norwegian, Finnish and Icelandic peoples in Minnesota, Manitoba and beyond. His special appointments are at Hanska, Underwood and Virginia, Minn., and Winnipeg, Man.

The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, Dr. Lawrance, has been away from the office during most of the month, attending the fall meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society at Kalamazoo, Mich., and keeping appointments at Rochester, Syracuse and Ithaca, N.Y., Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich. The Associate Secretary of the Department, Miss Buck, has been with Dr. Lawrance at Rochester, and has also met appointments at Lancaster and Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Del., and Plainfield, N.J.

International Congress

The meetings of the International Congress of Free Christians and other Religious Liberals, held in Boston October 3 to 7, were productive of a fine spirit and of a series of admirable and prophetic addresses. It was a somewhat audacious thing to attempt to renew the life of the Congress and to re-establish its organization so soon after the war and at a season when people of the city churches were still out of town. The attendance at most of the meetings was very gratifying, rising to 2,200 at the concluding Mass Meeting in Symphony Hall. The English, French, Dutch, Swiss, Japanese and Indian delegates took important parts in the program and among the American speakers were Doctors McGiffert, Lake, Peabody, Sullivan, MacCauley, Crothers and Frothingham, Dr. Richard C. Cabot, Mr. Thomas M. Osborne, Messrs. Snow and Metcalf.

The meeting under the auspices of the Alliance enjoyed addresses from Mrs. Odgers of London, representing the British League of Unitarian Women, Miss Hargrove, the treasurer of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, Madame Paul Loyson of Paris, Miss E. Rosalind Lee of Glamorgan, Wales, Miss Ellen Emerson and Mrs. Gilson.

The National Federation of Religious Liberals was addressed by Dr. Wendte, Dr. F. W. Perkins, Dr. Doremus Scudder, Rabbi David Philipson, and Miss Sarah A. Dickson.

The excursion to Plymouth on Tuesday, October 5, was much enjoyed and a beautiful communion service was held in the First Parish Church, together with other meetings.

The Congress has reorganized and has accepted an invitation to meet in London, probably in 1922. Dr. J. Estlin Carpenter of Oxford, Eng., was elected Honorary President and Dr. Charles W. Wendte Honorary Secretary. Mr. Richard D. Holt of Liverpool, Eng., was elected President and Rev. W. H. Drummond of Cambridge, Eng., was elected Secretary. A new General Committee was chosen, which includes representatives from England, America, Holland, France, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Hungary, Italy, India and Japan.

Department of Religious Education

It has been a busy month for the workers in this Department. All its activities have started in full force, and the services of a second stenographer were found necessary. Committees have been reorganized and in some cases enlarged. Three of these, on Manuals, Religion in the Home, and Church School Extension, have been in continuous existence for from six to eight years. The personnel changes from year to year, but the work goes on.

One of the standing committees, that on stereopticon slides, has been given a larger scope and a new name. It is to include not only slides but moving pictures, dramas and pageants for church and school use, and is now called the Committee on Visual Instruction.

An arrangement has been made with the editor of the Pilgrim edition of the magazine for teachers named *The Church School* to send sample copies of that magazine to the officers and teachers in our schools whose names have been reported to us, and the November issue will be sent to the entire list. From our office letters have gone to the same persons, recommending the magazine and asking that all who wish to secure it for the year should send subscriptions to our office. The response has been immediate, some subscriptions having been sent in on the recommendation, without waiting for the receipt of sample copies.

The Secretary of this Department prepared a card entitled "To the Church School Teacher," which has been mailed to the workers in our schools. Its use is more widely extended. One card slipped into a letter to an Episcopal clergyman brought an immediate order for fifty copies. There have been several orders for smaller numbers outside our fellowship, while the Norumbega Sunday School Association bought five hundred copies. *The Reformed Church Messenger* uses the helpful little message on the cover of its issue for October 7. Copies in any number may be secured from the Publication Department at the rate of fifty cents a hundred.

The manual in our course for pupils of eighteen, by Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, entitled "The Unwrought Iron," is ready for our schools. It is an "Introduction to Religion," designed to help the student to formulate his own beliefs, to understand forms of worship and be prepared to enter into them, and to participate in the social movements of the time with a real understanding of their meaning. The section of helps for the teacher found in the Teacher's Edition of the book offers laboratory exercises in religion. The class that will answer honestly the questions and tests there offered, and write the creed, form of worship and local social survey required, will have laid broad and deep foundations for personal religion and worthy service.

Teachers are cautioned not to use this book for pupils still too young to be ready to prove all things and hold fast that which is good. At the right period in the developing life the book will meet a widespread need and prove a valuable help in teaching religion.

The Department had part in the celebration of the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims, a meeting under its auspices being held in King's Chapel, Boston, on October 4. The Secretary of the Department presided, and Dr. William Byron Forbush, of the Congregational body, and Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham, of Arlington Street Church, made notable addresses.

The Department is co-operating with the Unitarian Campaign Committee with all heartiness, partly because of the assistance our schools can render to the cause in this way, and partly on account of the educative value of the movement. Every pupil in our schools in the United States and Canada will thus have the work our denomination is set to do brought to his attention and will be given an opportunity to take part in it with the many thousands of others. The educative and inspirational value of such a concerted movement is beyond computation.

The Wayside Pulpit

The continued growth of the Wayside Pulpit is a cause for profound satisfaction. It is further evidence that this method of reaching people outside the churches is very effective. A great many testimonies are received with regard to the influ-

ence that the sentences have upon people who read them in passing. Besides these, testimonies are received from churches that people have been attracted into the church by this method of church door publicity, and have become regular members of the church.

A number of men have had careful counts made of the people who stop and read the sentence in the Wayside Pulpit and in a number of cases these counts show more than a thousand people in a single day and some of them show more than ten thousand in a week. From these records it is estimated that more than two million every week read the Wayside Pulpit. This means an enormous influence on American life.

The Wayside Pulpit is taking its part in the Unitarian Campaign for religion and education. Special arrangements were made in the early autumn for the preparation of a series of posters to be printed in two colors for this purpose. These have been sent to all of our Unitarian churches. They are intended to bring people on the street to the definite decision to connect themselves with a church. They emphasize the duty of sustaining religion. They point out that integrity is a moral quality without which no nation can hope to survive and that religion is necessary in order that integrity be maintained. The sentences include the statement of the essentials of our liberal faith and also the typical covenant of our churches.

This Campaign material is called "The Red Line Series." Any Unitarian churches which have not yet begun the use of the Wayside Pulpit have been urged to make immediate use of this material in some fashion, but also to take steps without delay to establish a regular Wayside Pulpit. The pronounced success which this enterprise has made in the three years during which it has been carried forward justifies the hope that every Unitarian church will have a Wayside Pulpit and in this way reach out to the community around. It is in keeping with the breadth of our faith and our confidence in human brotherhood and our trust in the essential dignity and capacity of human nature. It is suitable that we should declare our faith to all men because we have a profound confidence in humanity.

All correspondence relating to the Wayside Pulpit, including this special Campaign material, "The Red Line Series," should be addressed to Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The Campaign

The energies of our churches, ministers and people will be directed during this month to the fulfilment of the admirable plans of the Unitarian Campaign Committee. It should be remembered that the Campaign has three purposes in mind: (1) the diffusion of Unitarian principles and ideas; (2) the deepening of the religious life of our churches; (3) the raising of money for a campaign of more effective service. Some question has arisen in regard to possible duplications of effort and it should be understood that the churches which are accustomed to make their contributions to the regular work of the Association in November are advised by the Campaign Committee to add the amount of their usual contribution to the Campaign quota and raise both sums at one time. The majority of the churches make their contributions for the regular work in the later winter or spring and will therefore not be confronted by this possible perplexity. They are expected to raise their Campaign quota now and make their usual contribution for the support of the continuing work of our Fellowship at the most convenient time between February and May.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

The Campaign

This is the month of the Campaign! Urge every Alliance woman everywhere to put her whole strength into helping raise the money asked for from her own church. It is the greatest opportunity to prove our loyalty to our splendid liberal faith that we have ever had. I know Alliance women will answer the clarion call. Do not say we cannot give, we can and we will, we shall throw ourselves heart and soul into the work and see to it that the money is over-subscribed! It is a privilege we cannot afford to miss.

Lucy Lowell,
President.

International Committee

Thursday, October 7, 1920, will assuredly be marked a red letter day in Alliance annals. On this date one of the many excellent gatherings of the Pilgrim Tercentenary Celebration was held at Unity House, Boston, under the auspices of The Alliance. To those members privileged in being present came a refreshment of spirit beyond all expectations, and the expectations were great.

The meeting was flawless and marked from beginning to end by a sincerity of feeling, clarity of thought, and spiritual vision that inspired the audience to go forth with a strengthened courage, surer conviction, and a more sanctified purpose.

International good will and confidence breathed through every sentence and found an echo in each heart.

Miss Lowell opened the session with a simple service which was followed by a hymn.

Miss Hilda Hargrove, Treasurer of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, was the first speaker, and brought an interesting and live message which rejoiced her listeners. She was followed by Mrs. W. Blake Odgers of London (representing the British League of Unitarian Women), whose address greatly stirred the audience, being as clear and deep in spiritual thought as the beautiful pool which she used to symbolize religious life. Miss E. Rosalind Lee of Glamorgan, Wales, and Miss Margaret B. Crook of Norwich, Eng., represented the women ministers of Great Britain and by the excellent qualities of heart and mind which characterized their speeches proved themselves spiritual leaders of great value.

Madame Paul Hyacinthe Loyson of Paris followed, and as she rose to speak she seemed like an exquisite lily on whose petals shone the dew of faith, hope, and charity. Love and sympathy went out to her as she led her hearers from one heavenly height to another thereby strengthening the Alliance conviction that its work for beloved France is not yet completed.

The Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of the Transylvanian Relief Unit was the only man to participate in the speaking. He gave vivid pictures of Hungarian life and manners and paid high tribute to the spiritual and intellectual qualities of the people.

The closing addresses were made by Miss Ellen Emerson of Concord and Mrs. Claude U. Gilson of Boston. These women gave the American touch in a manner that filled their Alliance comrades with pride.

During the meeting resolutions were passed, sending greetings to the foreign women who were unable to join in the Pilgrim celebration. Gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Charles E. St. John, Mrs. John K. Whiting and their asso-

ciates for the perfect arrangement of program and conduct of the meeting.

After such an occasion your chairman feels more strongly than ever the need of creating a wider interest in the international work of The Alliance and begs the branches, wherever it is possible, to form local international committees.

The chairmen of these committees should follow closely all the international reports both in the *Register* and in WORD AND WORK, and give such extracts as may seem interesting and educative to the branches at their regular meetings. When interest in the work of our foreign sisters is once aroused personal communication will naturally follow.

To what goal does this international effort lead? Is it not towards such an international understanding and sympathy that in the years to come war may be eliminated? This at least is the hope. May the effort of all women help to make it a reality.

JESSIE VOIGT,
Chairman.

The following greetings were received at the public meeting of The Alliance, Thursday, October 7:

From the British League, presented by the Rev. E. Rosalind Lee: Voted that a cordial greeting be sent to the International Congress of Free Christians and Other Religious Liberals, taking place in Boston, U.S.A., with an expression of deep thankfulness that such meetings can again be held, and the earnest hope that they may be helpful in drawing together those in all countries who are working for the freedom and progress of liberal religious thought.

From Fräulein Barth, Frankfort, Germany, read by Miss Lee: While the war has torn asunder so many links of spiritual fellowship between the members of the countries at war, it has created out of our Union of Liberal Christian Women a living fellowship in work, which only now has become fully conscious of its interconnection and unity, and this wonderful experience is for us a joyful encouragement for the future.

From Mrs. Katherine Weller, who is at the military hospital in Rennes, France, caring for Russian prisoners returned from Germany, hopelessly infected with tuberculosis (the message was presented by Mme. Loyson): Please thank the Alliance women for all they have done for me through the long years past. They can *never* realize how much it means to us over here, materially and morally, to have felt back of us their fellowship. If I dare send them a word in another vein it would be to beg them to put the enthusiasm, the devotion, and the labor, which formerly they gave to the Red Cross, to the promotion of our liberal religion, and the support of their various churches, so that not one may remain closed against worshippers for a Sunday or for a summer.

The following letter was received from the Association of Hungarian Unitarian Women, with the signatures of thirty-five members, a very precious document, brought to America by Rev. Sydney B. Snow on his return from Transylvania:

Ten years ago in the summer of 1910 the Association of Hungarian Unitarian Women welcomed here at Kolozsvár, in the capital of Transylvania, a large number of our American sisters, among others Miss Elizabeth Marquand, the chairman of the International Committee, with whom we kept up a frequent correspondence until the outbreak of the war, which stopped for a while all friendly connections with our American friends.

But now as we are again in the happy position to welcome in our town three reverend ministers of our brother churches from America, we cannot omit the occasion to send a few words of hearty greetings to you and to express our deepest thanks for all the beneficial work you do in our behalf in America, and for the friendship

that still connects us and unites us with our American sisters. We feel thankful to you for the great interest you take in the welfare of our churches and ask your protection in the future.

As we hope that the communication between the American and Transylvanian Unitarians will be renewed, we pray you to consider our Women's Association as a branch of your Alliance, as we are a member of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, and to send us your monthly bulletin, the UNITARIAN WORD AND WORK, and to take up the correspondence with our secretary.

We hope too that the date is not very far when we shall welcome at Kolozsvár some of our American lady friends, who surely feel sympathy and interest in our present hardship.

With the knowledge that our fervent faith and strong belief will help us in all our struggles, we continue our work for the benefit and welfare of our brethren, but as this is in the present more difficult than ever, we ask for your generous help and sympathy; praying the Almighty's benediction for your beautiful work, we remain, your faithful friends and sisters in the Unitarian faith, Elizabeth Fangh, Secretary.

Mrs. Voigt also presented informal greetings from Miss Van Eck of Holland, Miss Mary Westenholz of Denmark, and Signora Giulio of Italy.

Heartiest greetings were voted by the audience to the British League with special remembrance of Miss Helen Brooke Herford, for her influence in establishing the International Union of Liberal Christian Women; to our co-workers, Miss Van Eck in Holland, Miss Mary Westenholz in Denmark, Fräulein Barth in Germany, Signora Giulio in Italy; to the Association of Hungarian Unitarian Women; and to Mrs. Katherine Weller in France.

It is expected that the next session of the International Union will take place in London in 1922.

Executive Board

At the regular meeting of the Executive Board held in the Fifield Memorial Room, Friday, October 8, Miss Lowell presiding, there were present in addition to members from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, committee chairmen and members, our guests from overseas, Mrs. W. Blake Odgers, Rev. Margaret B. Crook, Rev. E. Rosalind Lee, Miss Hilda Hargrove, Mme. Loyson and her co-worker Miss Slade, and also by invitation Mrs. Theodore C. Williams and Mrs. Prescott Keyes.

Miss Lowell, in accordance with the vote of the previous meeting, held a brief devotional service, the members standing, of prayer and reading. She extended a cordial welcome to our guests and spoke in highest terms of the public meeting of the previous day.

Miss Lowell described her recent visit to Maine and brought greetings from each branch. On hearing of the President's coming up to New Orleans, the Texas branches, and St. Louis, the Board voted to send cordial greetings to these branches.

Greetings were voted to the Northern California Associate Alliance for its approaching meeting in Oakland.

A vote of thanks was offered to Mrs. George W. Fox for a gift of books to the Circulating Library in memory of Rev. Thomas B. Fox and George W. Fox.

On the recommendation of the International Committee it was voted to send from the Missionary Fund, collected in May, 1919, $50 to Miss Helen Brooke Herford for missionary work (of the British League or International Union); $10 to Miss Van Eck in Holland, and $10 to Fräulein Barth in Germany.

Mrs. Voigt called attention to the medal of gratitude which Mrs. Prescott Keyes was wearing, the gift of the French Government, and all rose in recognition of Mrs. Keyes's noble efforts for war relief.

Mrs. Beatley, chairman of the Sunday School Committee, and members of her committee, are ready to speak to branches on ways of helping the Sunday School.

The Board gave hearty endorsement to the letters of the Fellowship and Friendly Links Committees which are printed elsewhere in this number.

Mrs. Odgers spoke a few words about this work, which is to follow the lines laid down by the British League; she feels that the gain to both sides will be very great, as personal connections are made and we are drawn more closely together.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. Nathan Webb and Mrs. Emily Kelly Rand, by the branch in Portland, Me.; Mrs. Harriet A. Belanger, by Stoneham, Mass.; by personal gifts, Mrs. Ruth A. Bradford of Watertown, and Mrs. Marietta Peirce Bailey of Arlington.

The resignation of Mrs. W. O. Witherell from the Post Office Mission Committee was accepted, and Mrs. Eben T. Brackett of Lynn was elected to fill the vacancy.

On learning that Mrs. John H. Lewis, Vice-President, is about to visit England, the Board voted to ask Mrs. Lewis to convey its cordial greetings to the Unitarian women she may meet.

Mme. Loyson told of her efforts in behalf of devastated France. Particular interest was awakened in the circulating libraries she has been able to place in schools in the villages under her care. Mme. Loyson will present the subject of forming a branch of the International Union in France if she may have the names of liberal Protestant women there.

Miss Lowell welcomed Mrs. Theodore Williams of New York, the first Middle States Vice-President of the National Alliance.

After luncheon together a conference of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women was held, Miss Lowell presiding, for the consideration of ways in which to strengthen international understanding: through intercourse; education; practical help. Mention was made of the harm done by the press in stirring up hatred between nations and the need of special efforts to counteract this.

Recommendation was made that connection be established with Scandinavian countries; perhaps this may begin through our own Norwegian branches.

After a general discussion entered into by many speakers, a short review of the history of the Union, and reference to the several co-workers at their various posts, the committee rose with the unanimous opinion that we must go forward to do our part towards strengthening international understanding.

The next meeting will occur November 12, when reports are due from Rocky Mountains and six Massachusetts directors.

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

The following letters have been sent to all branch presidents:

Fellowship

This letter is to tell you about the "Fellowship Committee" recently appointed to work for Unitarian women and girls who, for one reason or another, are so situated that they are cut off from the full life of our churches. Families often move from one center to another and do not learn quickly of an available Unitarian church, or there may be no liberal church at all near them. Illness or distance prevents others from attending church. Again young women and girls leave home to enter school and college or to take up a business or professional life. How can we, women of The Alliance, keep in close touch with these Unitarian women and make them feel that although perhaps far from their home church, they are still held in loving remembrance and kept in warm and living touch with the Unitarian Christian faith, their most precious possession?

The newly formed Fellowship Committee is trying to meet this critical situation. To hold our young people in our household of faith, to help sustain the spiritual life of those Unitarian women who are unable to attend regular services of worship,—surely this is work which lies close to all our hearts. We propose to meet their need through personal letters, gifts of religious

literature, and by putting them into communication with other Unitarian women. We feel sure that you must know of women and girls, formerly members of your Church or Sunday School, who would like to be enrolled as Fellowship Members of your Branch. Dues for such members will be according to the dues of the Branch enrolling them. The literature will be sent to the Branches from the Fellowship Committee; each Branch will then send out the literature it receives to its Fellowship members. The Fellowship Committee asks you to send them promptly the names and addresses of all Fellowship members whom you enroll as an accurate list must be kept by them. We hope you will write to us for further details.

The Alliance was formed "to quicken the religious life of our churches." We ask most earnestly for your co-operation and support. Will you bring this letter before your Alliance Branch at its next meeting? Will you let us explain further about our proposed work? A request for information may be addressed to The Fellowship Committee, The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

We wish to make it clear that this work will not duplicate nor interfere in any way with that so admirably done by the Post Office Mission and the Cheerful Letter Exchange. It is wholly for women who are already Unitarians.

Very sincerely yours,

The Fellowship Committee,

Miss Mary C. Sawyer, *Chairman*, Wellesley Hills, Mass.
Mrs. Louis C. Cornish, Cambridge, Mass.
Miss Agnes Costigan, Montreal, Canada.
Mrs. Herbert S. Griffin, New York, N.Y.
Mrs. Waldo C. Hodgdon, Westwood, Mass.
Mrs. Charles H. Patterson, Amherst, Mass.

Friendly Links

The new Committee on Friendly Links sends greetings to you all and earnestly asks for your help and co-operation. Let every branch form at least one link with another branch (the more the better!) this coming winter!

The strong bond between us is our precious Unitarian faith; let us make this real and vital through bringing our churches together and forming as many personal friendships as possible. Ways of helpfulness will soon open out when we become better acquainted.

The purpose is through personal correspondence to link together branches and individuals, —those living far apart under widely differing conditions, as well as those who are neighbors and facing like problems. Make links with the South, the Middle West, the Pacific Coast, New England, Canada, and above all with the branches of the British League. Interest your young people in this. Anyone in your church may form a link, whether an Alliance member or not. Have the names and addresses sent to your branch secretary, who will forward them to the Friendly Links Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, with a word or two of explanation (to help us avoid misfits!) and as soon as possible we will make the desired connection.

When the letters begin to come, have selections from them read at your meetings so that all your members may feel the friendly touch. Exchange programs and church calendars as well as ideas. The better we know each other, the greater will be our power to serve each other.

Through the faith that means so much to us, let us draw closer, to increase the brotherhood of man, and to deepen the spiritual life.

Who will be the first to form a Friendly Link? We are ready to serve you,—do make use of us!

Yours to command,

The Friendly Links Committee of The Alliance,

Mary F. Gill,
Chairman.

Junior Fellowship Committee

One of the members of this committee, Mrs. Henry of Winchendon, sends the following for our Juniors:

"In the October Word and Work, Mrs. Donnell has given our Juniors a beautiful thought. Surely the 'golden string' of which the poet writes, is woven of little threads of service, leading us straight through the wall into the garden of opportunity.

"And there are so many ways of service. One group is the junior committee of the senior branch, and will have charge of a table at the annual bazaar in December. Another group is knitting warm socks and making garments for Dr. Grenfell's Mission in Labrador, while a third is making scrap books for a children's hospital.

"The report of the Junior Fellowship Committee in the Alliance Manual is brimful of interest. Read it, dear Juniors, every word of it, and note what other groups are doing.

"Next May, some time during Anniversary Week, there will be a conference devoted to the interests of the Junior Alliance, and it is hoped that many groups will send representatives to it. Plan for it now. It is not too early."

Guest Day at the Jamaica Plain Junior Alliance. This group had an

interesting meeting recently, about which its president writes as follows:

"On Monday, October 11, our Junior Alliance held its first meeting for this year. As we were fortunate in having as our special guest Mrs. Odgers of the British League, we invited others to enjoy with us our very interesting service which she conducted. About forty guests were present, including fifteen juniors from neighboring churches.

"Mrs. Odgers emphasized the devotional side of The Alliance, and spoke on the building up of our characters. Everyone was charmed with her manner and it was agreed that she told us many things to be practised and long to be remembered."

HULDAH LAIRD,
President.

Carolina Industrial School

NEWS OF SHELTER NECK

Work has begun at the school, with children eager to learn and enthusiastic teachers. While thanking the Alliance Branches for many gifts of second-hand clothes, books, and magazines in the past, the teachers ask that no more be sent, for the supply on hand is sufficient. Money for finishing and furnishing Kimball House is much needed. What Alliance or Junior Alliance would like to give some money towards a chair or table or other needed articles? It would be pleasant to give something in recognition of the devoted service of Rev. W. S. Key, who gave so many years of his life to the work.

News from the Branches

Walpole, N.H. The members of the Walpole, N.H., Alliance wish to express their appreciation of the many letters received after the loss of their church building.

LELIA L. SAWYER,
Secretary.

From Oklahoma City. With thanks for the use of 90 books loaned from the Circulating Library at 25 Beacon St. We are greatly obliged for the use of these books. Our people greatly appreciated them. They read and used them generally, as did many people from the general public. In fact we interested several new people in our church here by having these books to announce and to loan to the general public.

THOS. P. BYRNES.

THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER FOR REV. G. S. KUKHI

Mr. Kukhi asks for subscriptions to *The Christian Register* to be sent to names and addresses in Egypt and Palestine which he will supply. Do not send odd numbers of the *Register* to Headquarters for this purpose. Mr. Kukhi may be addressed at 25 Beacon St., Boston.

Monday Conference

The first meeting will occur November 1, at 10.30 A.M., at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Mr. Henry M. Williams will speak of the Unitarian Campaign. Miss Effie E. Whitman will preside. All are cordially invited.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$336
Meadville	215
Pacific School	224
Tuckerman School	138
Sunday School Worker	822
Nashville	700
Carolina Industrial School	1,988
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	821
General Alliance Work	1,498

The Unitarian Campaign

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THE CAMPAIGN

The mighty surge of the Unitarian Campaign, now bursting forth into the full scope of its activities, carries a message and a question to every young person of our faith. The call comes clear and high, "Work!" The question arises, "Why?"

We answer the question with the call—because there is much work to be done. As one of the established agencies of the Unitarian Church, the Y. P. R. U., with its district and local subdivisions, has its own distinct mission:—to imbue every liberal-minded youth with the beliefs and ideals of Unitarianism. We want to send our message of "Truth, Worship, and Service" into every remote corner of this great nation of ours. We want a young people's union in every Unitarian church: dynamic, helpful, idealistic. We want field secretaries for each of the large geographical divisions of the country, to encourage, stimulate and revive local unions, and to coordinate their efforts. We want workers at those greatest of young people's centres—the colleges—to bear our call to our fellows away from home ties and home churches. We want facilities to train leaders in all this work—leaders who through personal example will inspire our young people to lead lives based upon Unitarian concepts. In a word, we want the means to fire the soul of every liberal youth with the spirit of Channing and Parker.

Where shall we obtain the means for such work? Our eyes turn hopefully and prayerfully to the Campaign.

To earn the right to such aid, however, we must do our bit in the Campaign. The natural field of our endeavors lies among our comrades, whom we know, and with whom we normally play and work. We can, for instance, spread our fundamental convictions among ourselves by laying aside our reticence anent religious matters. Discussion strengthens, comparison broadens our views. Let us throw off this mantle of diffidence, and replace it with a shining cloak of faith woven of mutual confidence and interchange of opinion. For the rest, in the many duties to be performed, let us show the full measure of our devotion by unstinting endeavor and self-sacrifice wherever the opportunity presents.

A. HEATH ONTHANK,
Campaign Chairman for the Y.P.R.U.

News Notes

The directors voted at the last meeting to send out a letter to the individual societies, urging the adoption of the Friendly Links system, in accordance with the request of the Alliance for co-operation. The purpose is through personal correspondence to link together groups and individuals, those living far apart under widely differing conditions as well as those who are neighbors and are facing like problems.

Middle West: Miss Pfleghaar, our Field Secretary, reports from Chicago renewed enthusiasm in the young people's work. She has had conferences with our Unitarian workers there and with representatives from the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. On October 10th a get-together party was held for the students of Northwestern University and on October 17th a vesper service was conducted by Miss Pfleghaar at Evanston Church for the students. On October 12th the Field Secretary spoke at the Illinois State Conference at Bloomington and on October 20th at the Michigan State Conference at Kalamazoo. On October 15th a social and dance was given for the students of the University of Chicago at Ida Noyes Hall on the Campus and on October 26th a religious discussion group met under the direction of Prof. Merrifield of the University. On October 24th the Chicago League for Young People held a Rally.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Central Office: 16 Beacon Street, Boston.

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*
Rev. James A. Fairley, *Vice-President*
Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*
George R. Ferguson, *Treasurer*

Temperance and Public Health Are One

Beginning November 1, Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge will devote his entire time to developing the work of the Unitarian Temperance Society. In the short time since the formal announcement was made of his availability as a speaker, the responses received at the office of the Society have been most gratifying. These expressions of interest in the broader scope of educational temperance work have come from Unitarian churches in all parts of the country, accompanied by cordial invitations to speak at church services, Alliance Branches, and Chapters of the Laymen's League. This interest is a recognition of the fact that the final victory for Prohibition has not yet been won. It is also the acceptance of our belief that for the promotion of the general physical and moral efficiency of the human race, the general health program and the temperance program are one.

This health program has been publicly endorsed by Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, Medical Director of the Life Extension Institute, in one of the chief addresses given before the delegates from many foreign countries at the International Congress Against Alcohol recently held in Washington. In this address Dr. Fisk presented the scientific facts regarding the influence that alcohol has had on the general health of the race, and the present medical attitude toward the problem. He then added the following statement of special interest to Unitarians:

"A striking instance of this changed attitude is afforded by the recent action of the Unitarian Temperance Society in announcing the inclusion in its program of a broad health propaganda and an encouragement of periodic physical examinations so that a search may be made for all conditions that menace the health and happiness, and therefore the moral state of the people."

The Beacon Prize Contest

What about our boys and girls, the voters of tomorrow? What are they thinking and observing in regard to the results of Prohibition? Through the courtesy of the Editor of *The Beacon* the Unitarian Temperance Society is able to present to the readers of that paper a prize contest in which the Society offers $30.00 in cash prizes for essays or stories about "The Benefits of Prohibition." When they consider what has been accomplished for the welfare of American childhood, will these future voters want a return to former conditions?

The contest will be graded according to the ages of the contestants into three groups included in the ages from 8 to 17. The conditions of the contest, which will close on November 15, are given in *The Beacon* for October 10.

Leaflets Sent Upon Request

Loyalty and Vitality. The Temperance Program of Today.

Prohibition and Health. Notes from addresses by Dr. Charles W. Eliot and Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, Annual Meeting, May 24, 1920.

Local Temperance Committees. Suggested outline for local temperance work in churches.

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